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Please find the **September** update below, which includes the latest **Claimant Count** information, total **Job Posting** numbers, jobs by advertised salary and job posting numbers by occupation.

Executive summary

- In September 2022, the **Claimant Count** in Gloucestershire **decreased** by **20** persons to **8,545** but the rate has remained the same at **2.2%**
- **Job posting numbers** for the month of **September** were around **17,054** which is a monthly **decrease** of around **1,297** job postings when compared to the revised August figure of 18,351

September Claimant Count

Note: the reference period for these Claimant Count figures is 8th September 2022.

This month saw the publication of the September ***Claimant Count** figures: the **Gloucestershire** rate **remained at 2.2%** (the value is expressed as a proportion of residents aged 16-64), but the overall number of claimants has gone down slightly. The September total now stands at **8,545** compared to the August figure of 8,565 which is a monthly **decrease of 20 persons**. Cheltenham and Gloucester saw a decrease in the number of claimants, while all other districts saw an increase.

The September figure for the **South West** was **2.5%**, **England** was **3.8%** and the **UK** figure was **3.7%**.

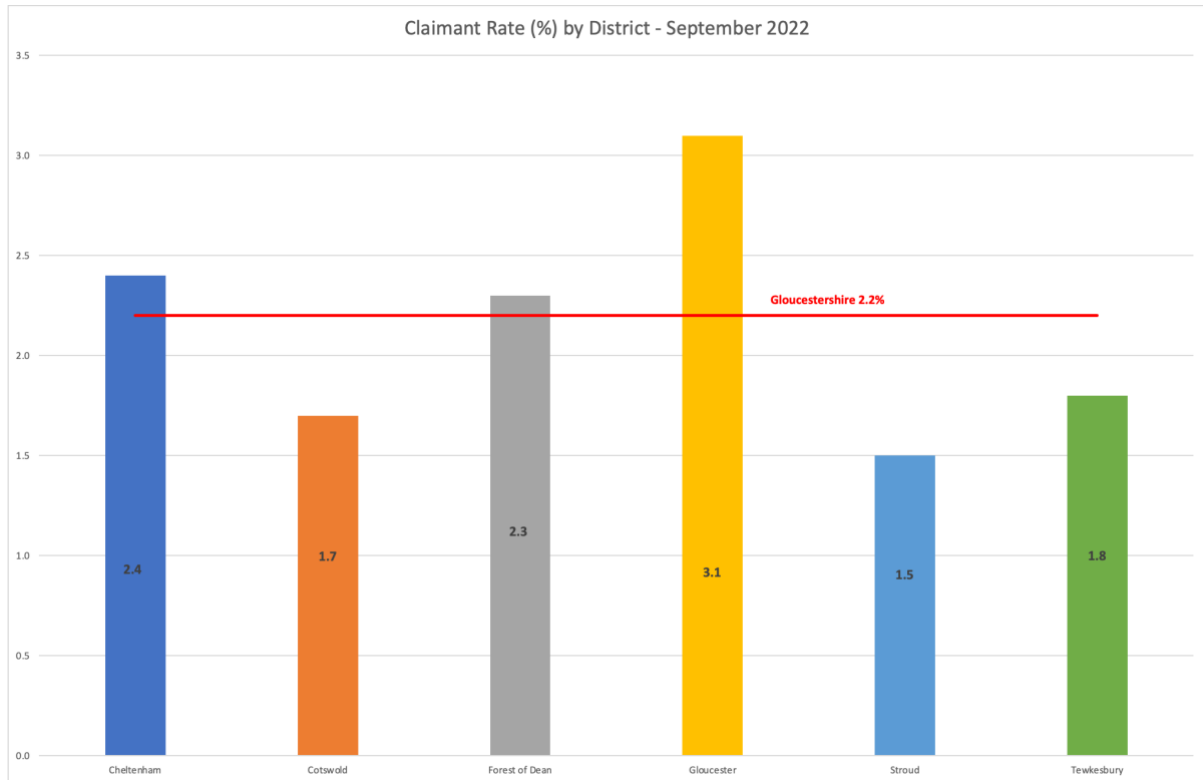
For reference, prior to the pandemic in February 2020, the Gloucestershire rate was 2.0% with 7,895 people claiming, peaking in August 2020 to 5.0% and 19,155 people claiming.

For more information on the claimant count, please refer to the Gloucestershire County Council's monthly publications [here](#).

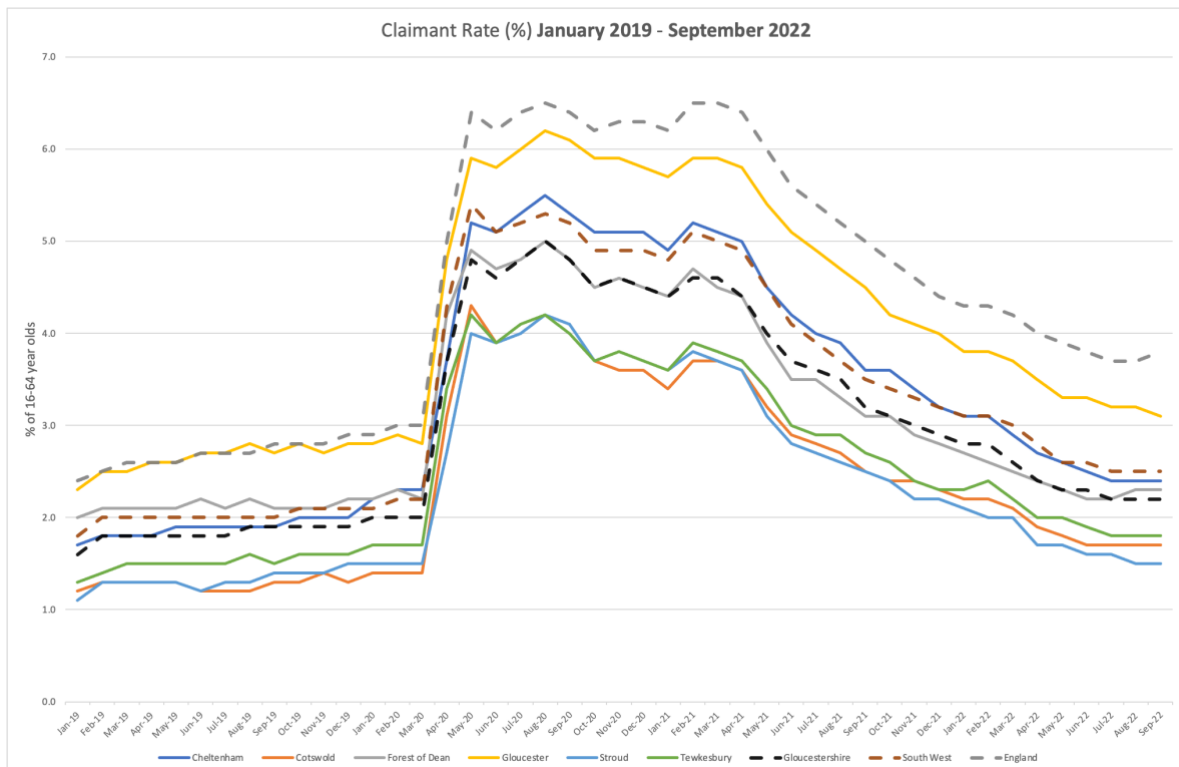
**The Claimant Count is a measure of the number of people who are unemployed and claiming benefits. For more information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](#).*



The below shows the claimant rate for September 2022 in Gloucestershire.



The below shows the current claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.2%, compared with all six districts, the South West and England from January 2019 to September 2022. The rate for Gloucestershire continues to be below that of England and the South West.

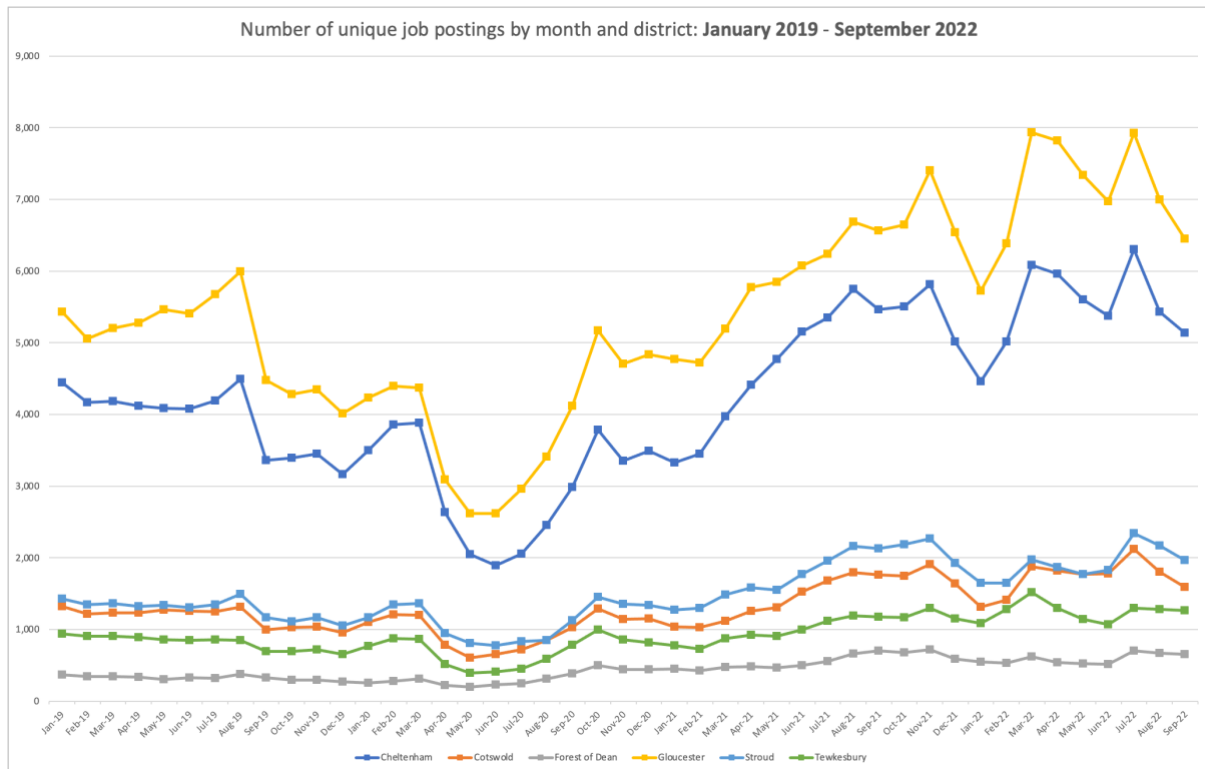




Job posting numbers

Job posting numbers for the month of **September 2022** were around **17,054** which is a monthly **decrease** of around **1,297** job postings, when compared to the revised August 2022 figure of 18,351.

The below shows total jobs posted by district from **January 2019 to September 2022**; all districts have seen a decrease in numbers when compared to August 2022, with Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury seeing the smallest decrease.

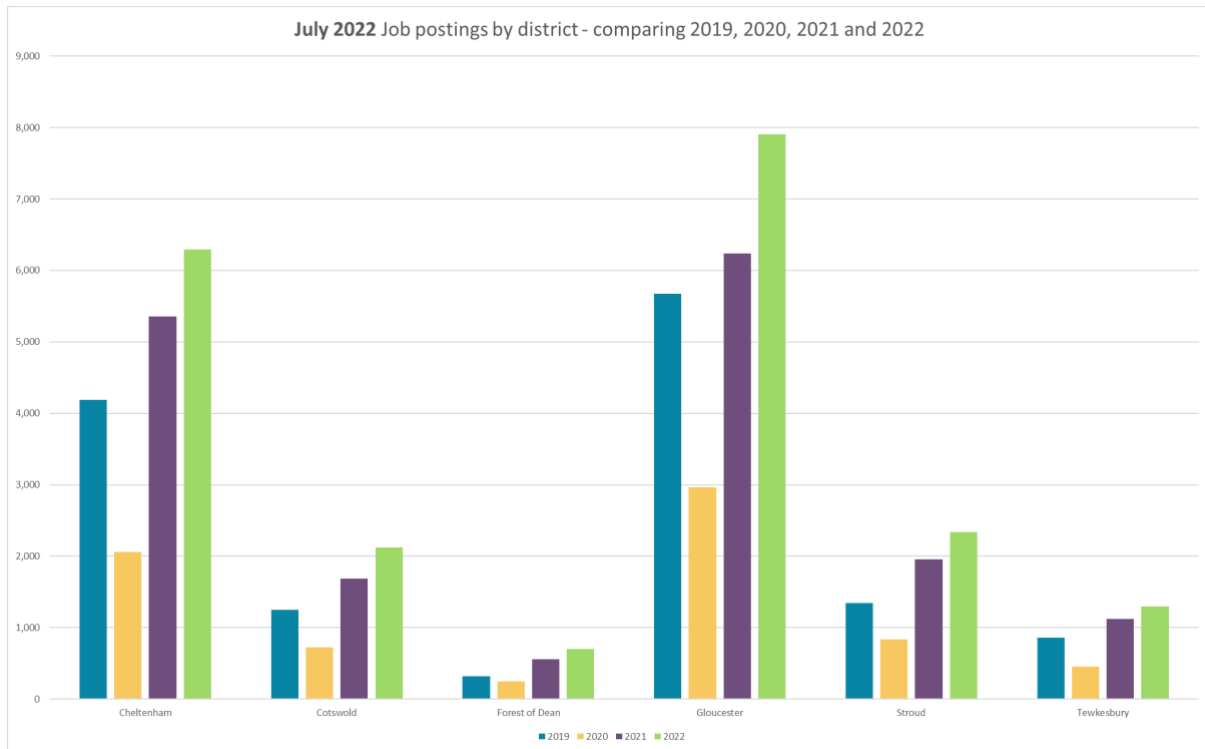


Source: Lightcast™. 2022



Job posting numbers – district comparison

The below gives a district overview of total job postings for the month of September 2022, comparing the same month in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Job posting numbers in September 2022 (green bar) are lower than in September 2021 across all districts, except for Tewkesbury where they are slightly higher.



Source: Lightcast™. 2022

Please note – job posting numbers are based on snapshot data taken on the 10th October, numbers are provisional and subject to change. Job postings are collected from online sources, it doesn't capture postings that are not advertised online, this might result in undercounting for some occupations. This data shows any active posting rather than newly listed postings. A posting is removed from the count after it has been online for 61 days. A job posting does not necessarily result in a job and some jobs will be created without a job posting.

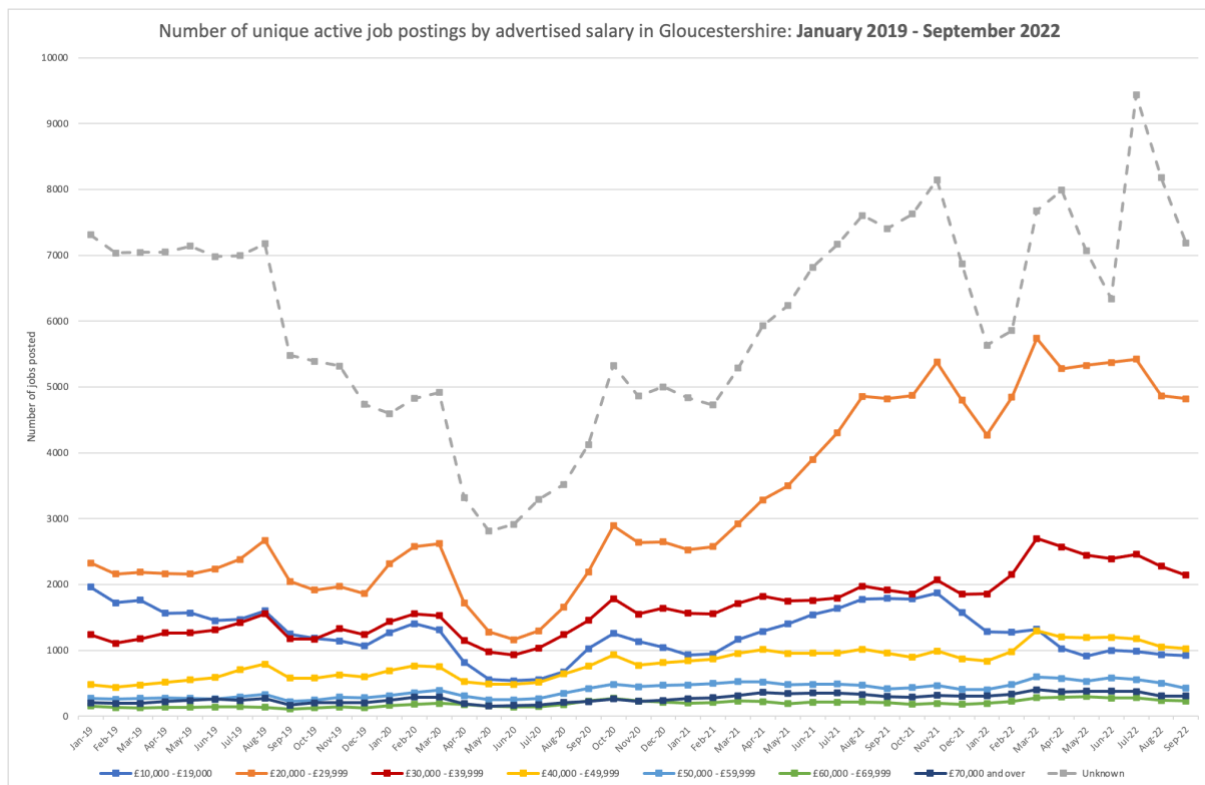


Jobs by advertised salary

The below graph looks at job postings by advertised salary between January 2019 and September 2022. Please note that a significant proportion of postings don't show a salary, which are indicated by the grey line marked as 'unknown'.

The graph shows that all salary bands saw a dip in the number of advertised postings during the pandemic, with a notable dip between March 2020 before picking up again from August 2020 and dropping off again in November 2020. There has been a notable increase in the number of jobs posted in the £20-29k (orange line) salary range as well as those with salaries between £30-39k (red line), with other salaries seeing an increase but to a lesser extent.

The September update has seen a small drop across all salary bands when compared to August. Those marked as 'unknown' (grey dashed line) that do not show a salary have seen a drop in numbers in September, having seen a notable rise in July.



Source: Lightcast™. 2022



Occupations

The table below shows changes in the number of postings by broad occupation, comparing pre-pandemic February 2020 numbers with September 2021 and September 2022.

The trend displayed (chart on the right) is for the 3-year period January 2019 to September 2022. Cells highlighted green show the occupations that have seen an increase when compared to pre-pandemic February 2020.

While occupations are higher in September 2022 compared with pre-pandemic February 2020 numbers, they have seen a decrease in September 2022 compared to recent months, which reflects the overall drop in job postings. The green bars in the trend chart show the peak in postings for that occupation and red bars highlighting the lowest number of postings for the period January 2019 to September 2022. The trend shows that five of the nine occupations peaked in July 2022, with the remaining having peaked in March 2022 and one in November 2021.

Some of the biggest increases when comparing February 2020 and September 2022 can be seen in the **Elementary Occupations** – examples of some occupations that fall under this category are **agricultural, construction, process plant occupations, goods storage, administration, personal services, cleaning, security, and sales occupations.**

Vancancies by broad occupation	Feb 2020 Unique Postings	Sep 2021 Unique Postings	September 2022 Unique Postings	% change Feb 2020 - Sep 2022	Trend between January 2019 - September 2022
Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	892	1,272	1,263	42%	
Professional Occupations	3,368	4,260	4,306	28%	
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	2,065	2,858	2,922	42%	
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	1,115	2,004	1,562	40%	
Skilled Trades Occupations	1,030	1,422	1,293	26%	
Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	994	1,601	1,536	55%	
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	1,120	1,871	1,656	48%	
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	582	878	901	55%	
Elementary Occupations	718	1,474	1,523	112%	
Total Across All Occupations	11,949	17,802	17,054	43%	

Source: Lightcast™. 2022

Occupation data can be viewed at a high level (as shown in the above table), which uses broad category one-digit Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) codes to group similar jobs together, or at a granular level, using four-digit Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) codes. These four-digit Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) codes provide more detailed descriptions and have been used in the table below.

The below lists the **top ten occupations by four-digit SOC code for September 2022**, alongside total jobs advertised and what proportion this was as a percentage of the total jobs posted in Gloucestershire for this month. **Care Workers and Home Carers** accounted for **4.3%** of the overall jobs posted in Gloucestershire in September 2022, followed by **Programmers and Software Development Professionals 3.8%** and **Customer Service Occupations n.e.c. 3.3%**, with the remaining occupations accounting for smaller numbers.



Top ten Occupations by four-digit SOC code	Sep 2022 Unique Postings	As a percentage of jobs posted
Care Workers and Home Carers	741	4.3%
Programmers and Software Development Professionals	643	3.8%
Customer Service Occupations n.e.c.	566	3.3%
Sales Related Occupations n.e.c.	539	3.2%
Other Administrative Occupations n.e.c.	521	3.1%
Nurses	492	2.9%
Kitchen and Catering Assistants	440	2.6%
Chefs	347	2.0%
IT Business Analysts, Architects and Systems Designers	288	1.7%
Elementary Storage Occupations	279	1.6%

Top companies posting

The top ten companies posting jobs in Gloucestershire in September 2022 were:

- NHS
- Ultra Group Company Limited
- General Electric
- Barchester Plc
- Tesco
- Gloucestershire County Council
- Northrop Grumman
- Gloucestershire College
- Safran
- University of Gloucestershire

Please note this does not include employment agencies, however employment agencies do form part of the total jobs posted in the report.